GRAND RAPIDS HERALD

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WEATHER BULLETIN fue signal service issues the following predictions: For lower Michigan— Generally southerly winds and fair reather.

BLAINE'S RESIGNATION. Mr. Blains has resigned as secretary of state. In doing so he has removed and placing the loop about her neck all doubt as to his probable action in the event of his nomination at Minneapolis. He will accept if nominated. There will be many to question the expediency of his sudden resignation, but of Grand Rapids' young men who one will doubt his manliness and his obviously sincere desire to free the president from embarrassment. Vhether it will strengthen his chances before the convention is a matter for serious doubt. The American people are not so easily awayed by the sudden and unexpected as they were fifty years ago. They do not take kindly to surprises. If Mr. Blaine had resigned six weeks ago he would have carried the convention in a whirlwind offenthusiasm. His resignation recalls a like historical incident, and it also suggests the probability that he will meet with the same actback that rewarded his impulsive rival. On the whole it cannot be said that the resignation will bring to his support any considerable number that would not have stood for him at the first and last. Still it removes all doubt, and the convention will proceed to business with the assurance that his nomination, if made, will not be a waste of time. The decisive vote will be the arst one. There is now no possibility for a stampede. The delegates will vote in a determined way in pursuance of their own preferences or the instructions given them by their states. It is claimed that Harrison has a clear maority on a canvass of the delegates. If this proves to be true he will be nominated and there it will end. Mr. Blaine's friends, however, assert that he will have a majority. It is yet uncertain which will be victorious. Mr. Risine is now before the country as a candidate. If the convention shall cominate him he will sweep the country and go into the office with a popular majority greater than any man

and honorable opponent. AID FOR THE NEEDY,

ever before received. But his resigna-

tion will not have helped him, only as

it shows him to be a sincere, honest

Writing to THE HERALD an esteemed friend suggests that the effort now being made to raise money in aid of the ussian sufferers should not be discouraged because there is great sufferthe in our own country which appeals to the generosity of the charitable. It is quite true that we should not turn a of ear to the poor and famishing Russian peasants, but it is a fact that stands out in no enviable prominence that while active efforts are being made in their behalf there is absolutely no attention being given to the homeless and breadless victims of the western floods on the part of any society in this city. It is well to unloosen the purse strings to release American dollars to be sent abroad to relieve the starving, but how much better and more American would it not be to buy a few pounds of flour and yards of cloth for the hungry and naked who stand amid the ruins of their flood-swept homes? There may be a pretty sentiment back of the charity that sends ship loads of prona across the Atlantic, but there is homely Americanism and rugged christianity back of the open-hearted caperosity that succors our own. By tois it is not meant that the Russians should be neglected, but the starving American should be the first to receive aid. Then if there be a disposition to send relief across the sea it can be done without sacrificing the dignity of that charity which always begins at

tack to call attention to an evil that is assuming gigantic proportions and that threatens the extinction of the race. To speak of it in plain terms is to invite criticism and also to give offense to these whose prudery is greater than their intelligence. Yet the insidious and slarming growth of the monstrous evil calls for a word of caution, if not of warning, and THE HERALD ventures. to offer both. The operation known se "Isparotomy" has become the shield behind which cruel and inhuman atrocities are committed. Not that surgeons resort to it against the expressed will of their patients, but in pussiance of requests and sometimes entreaties of those who wish to escape toe possibility of motherhood. The term "laparotomy" means the opening of the abdomen. The abdomen may be opened to locate and retumors or other fibroid adhesions, but of late the abdomen is opened to receive the primary organs of human life with such alarming fremency as to excite the apprehension at the operation will become a crazamong the sex which is essential to the eproduction of the race. The actual

number of such operations is so large

as to appall those who have been lured

laws of the state make it a crime to

belief that it is an unusual and

LICENSED MURDER.

conception. Is the difference so great that we shall make it a crime to kill the first symptoms of life, and a virtue to remove with the knite the source of that life? All that makes vomanhood sublime and holy is the endowment by nature through which she becomes the mother. To destroy mankind the power to obey the command of God to reproduce himself. It is a undefied form of licensed surgical murder and should be prohibited. under penalties no less severe than for murder itself.

GIRL SUICIDE.

Young, handsome, with a fortune, a New York girl offered her love to a young man and he refused it. Then she twisted her aubarn tresses into a rope of hair, made a loop in it, and attaching one end to a bath tub faucet sank into the tub and strangled herself. Such a young girl, with all the other altractions, would be obliged to hang herself to escape the crowd. would swarm about her front gate like bees about a bive. But there is a moral in her tragic death. It is not often that a pure girl deliberately surcides because of unrequited love. Through a passion made almost divine by the Creator her heart yearned for a nan. He did not return her love nor share her inspiration. In bitterness of soul sac determined that if she must ive without him death were to be preferred-and she died. It is always owardly to take one's life in the face of sorrow, disappointment or reverses. and her act while heroic in execution was weak in conception. Other young girls resort to the same ultimatum, but in nearly every instance it is not because of unrequited love, but because of man's perfidy and deceit. Many a rosy-cheeked innocent girl has been led to the brink of ruin and then coldly deserted. To such the awfulness of death is appalling, but with a cheerless, noneless future before them they plunge into the unknown and their wrongs are forgotten before the echoes of the falling clods upon their coffins die away. To them death is more welcome than dishoner and they embrace it, while their betrayers live on, indifferent to the smitings of conscience and tolerated by hypocritical society.

FAIRLY DESERVED.

Many persons will be disposed to question the wisdom of the board of education in raising the salary of the superintendent of schools from \$2,500 to \$3,000. There is little necessity for finding fault with the act. The Grand Rapids schools have reached a stage where they demand a \$3,000 man. A superintendent that conscientiously does his duty and his whole duty will find little difficulty in earning his salary, even with the present increase. A superintendent that is incapable of mitted to remain at the head of the school system. It is to be presumed that Mr. Chalmers is fully competent, or he would not have been ananimously re-elected to the position The most deplorable thing about the action is the fact that the salaries of the primary teachers were not increased. They are by far the hardest worked and the lowest paid teachers in the whole public school system. During the past three or four years the requirements for doing primary work ave been increased until it requires at east a year more of preparation on the part of the teacher; but no increase has been made in the salaries. This is an injustice that ought to be remedied and the sooner it is done the better it will be for the public school system.

Ir must have been anything but soothing to Prof. Carman's nerves to have sat through the racy discussion of himself indulged in by the board of education last night. But one can bear fifteen minutes of that kind of thing when \$500 goes with it.

KANSAS Criv will have the big con solidated packing houses of the Armours because the demand can be supplied cheaper from that city. The two brothers will now pool their interests and devote themselves mutually to gorging the public.

PASSENGER rates are being smashed to fragments by the Minneapolis convention. The Lake Shore road is carrying passengers from Cleveland to It is both a difficult and a delicate Chicago and return for a fare that is virtually only two dollars.

MILWAUNEE claims that while it has one-sixth of the population of Chica, o it has only one-twenty-fifth of that city's crime. This is a great triumph for Milwaukee beer over Chicago river water.

BLAINE may not be the head of the next administration, but it seems definitely settled that he will no longer act as principal supply of brain material for an administration hostile to

GRAND RIVER has been rising hourly during the past three days. At the present rate and under the present cond tions the experiences of the historic log jam are apt to be repeated.

Wasteven enthusiasm there may be for Mr. Blaine at the Minneapolis con vention, it is certain that none of it will be due to Mr. Foraker's presents tion of his name.

By the serious illness of Count Let Tolstoi the world of literature and philanthrophy is in danger of losing one of the most brilliant geniuses of this or any other country.

Braren's action of yesterday will go into history as one of the most masan extreme court to the knife. The terly and daring political moves since destroy festul life. But here is an the time of Walpole.

Teachers Selected by the Board of Education.

SUPT. CHALMERS GETS A RAISE

that divine attr.bute is to remove from The Superintendent of Schools Will Here after Draw \$1,000 a Year-New District Boundaries.

> All the members of the board of edecation were in their seats last night when the president called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock. A number of spectators were present, anxious to hear the result of the recommendations of the committee on teachers. The matter of the Dale school house site brought in a number of communications and petitions. The report of he committee on schools on the curiculium of the high school for the coming year, suggesting minor changes in the course, was laid on the table. The report of the committee on library, recommending the purchase of a fairly complete file of the Daily Eagle since 1856 was adopted. The committee also reported in favor of the purchase of a complete copy of a rare ornithological magazine, known the "Auk." Adopted.
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> The committee on schools presented

its report, which is hereto appended: Your committee on schools respect-fully recommends establishing the following boundary lines for the Sible; street school: That the northern bound ary be West Bridge street from the city mits to Straight street; the eastern boundary Straight street to Shawmut avenue. Shawmut avenue to Indiana street, and Indiana street to West Fulton street; the southern boundary, West Fulton street to the city hunts; the western boundary, the city limits. Your committee further recommends changes in the boundaries of the following named schools: That the northern boundary of North Divis-ion street school be changed from northern boundary of Fountain street school be changed to include both sides of Crescent avenue; the eastern undary, north of Fulton street, be changed from Grand avenue to East street. The eastern boundary of East Bridge street school be changed from Grand avenue to East street. The eastern boundary of Diamond street school to the city limits, from Stewart street to East Fulton street, the western boundary be changed from Grand avenue to East street. The western boundary of Lake school be changed from the city limits to East Fulton street. That the southern boundary of North Ionia street school be changed from Fairbanks stree to include both sides of Trowbridge street. The southern boundary of Pine street school be West Bridge street, from Stocking street to the city limits. The western boundary of Jef-ferson street school to be Straight street from West Bridge street to Shawmut avenue, and Indiana street, from Shawmut avenue to West Fulton street. The report was adopted. The city attorney was instructed to take meas-

ures to recover moneys claimed to be due the board from the school board of district No. 6.

Miss Bertha E. Sones presented her resignation as assistant in the public library. On motion of Trustee Fisher the resignation was accepted and

thanks for past services we to Miss Sones. The report of the committee on

teachers' appointments for the com-ing year was adopted.

Trustee Husted moved that the saiary of the superintendent of achools be increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000. The motion gave rise to an acrimonious and lengthy discussion. The motion was finally carried by the following vote. Yeas—Trustees Andrus, Clark, Cross-man, Felker, Folger, Hagy, Locher, Husted, Strahan, Van Bree, Wagner

Nays-Trustees Bradfield, FitzGerald. Houseman. Leffingwell, Maybury, Stein, Stevens, the president—S. The board then adjourned.

ROSTER OF TEACHERS. The Names Selected for the Various

To the Board of Education of the City o Grand Rapids:

1. Your committee on teachers have

ad under careful consideration for some time the list of teachers for the next school year and herewith present

next school year and herewith present a list, which your committee recommend be adopted, the proposed salaries being stated only in cases which are exceptions to the rules fixing salaries.

2. Your committee further recommends that the execution of contracts with all appointees who do not hold the necessary certificates be deferred until such certificates are granted, and as the list presented by your commituntil such certificates are granted, and as the list presented by your committee includes a few appointments for rooms in buildings now in process of erection, the completion of which may be delayed, your committee further recommends that the contracts provide that the salaries of appointees to such rooms begin only with the opening of the rooms.

3. Your committee further recom mends that an application of Miss Clara C. Greene of the union primary, for leave of absence during the first half of the school year, be granted, and that Miss Luella E. Whitworth be ap-

pointed to fill the vacancy.

4. Your committee further reports that the following named persons have passed satisfactory examinations and are entitled to certificates of the grade mentioned, and your committee recommends the issue of the same, viz.: Second Grade-Elizabeth Whitaker, Clara Ward, Elizebeth Ahnefeldt, Au-

gusta Franck.
Third Grade-Jennie Hyser, Ames, Mamie Allison, Blanche Butler, Annie Blanchard, Nellie Chapman, Eva Clark, Irma Heath, Oriel Heagle, Mary O'Keefe, Elizabeth Oakwood and Lulu

William A Greenon, principal, \$2,700; Annah M Clark, precentrees, \$100; Florence C Mitper, \$800; Attoe M James, \$500; Earle W bow, \$1,000; Carolyn Parrish, \$1,000; Ellen Dean, \$900; Carolyn Huist, \$500; Heien C Christ, \$600; Charles A Weltermere, \$600; Anna S Jones, \$500; Emma J Cole, \$100; Carrie S Dickinson, \$600; Heien E Bacin, \$500; Margaret Dubridge, \$700; Mary Dickerson, \$600; Ellerabeth M Caryll, \$600.

Central Grammar School, Susie Gordon, 863; Harriet M Herrick, \$500; Sarah A Reed, 500; Mary N Owen, 800.

Orr Schuetz, M. 700; Carrie I. Patas, 800; Mario L. Jenutaga, 800; Annette Richards, 800; Mario L. Jenutaga, 800; Annette Richards, 800; Augusta C. France, 800; varies O. Dillingham 800; Atlea & Parker, Elizabeth A. Wattake, Lilian Burden, Phila L. Hamilton, Abbie M. Bush, Emma Elseaburg, Anna S. Boss, Lory Stoddard,

Nors Letsenring, Jennie A Emery, Heten Jorner, Christina Whann, Clara C Greene Musaret E English, Francis Van Boren, Luic Ward,

operation that destroys the possibility CHOSEN FOR A YEAR | \$500; Onbella Satteriee, \$500; Araminta Blakely, of conception is the difference to Engraded School Suith Division Street Eutone A Carpenter, principal, 860; Mary Freeman, 860; Jennie Petrie, 850.

Agnes delintyje, 81,860; George C Shepard 1,56; Mary Binks, 860; Lighte Creveling, 860; rankie Barkman, 860; Emma Palmer, 880.

Januic Gerion, principal: Ellen Creswell, lars, br. Etta Johns, Mandalens Kollen, Es-her Cheoter, Zaida E Cell.

Central Avenue. Beile M Tower, principal; Emma C Hard. castle Cora M Riggs, Jessie Lathrop, Jennie Biller, Mariquita Wendell, Elsie Field, Carrie B Jewett, Elizabeth uraut, cadet.

Georgia Bacon, principal; Louise M Kinney, Fannie S Alef, Mary, Eaton, Viola Thurston, cadet. Cost Avenue.

Congress Street. Therese Iownsend, principal Mattle Fisher Lu E Sentington, Lona Mead, Libian Houst Carrie I, Burcia, Gertrade Boyaton, Bertha i Moorman.

Suste E Balley, principal: Ella Dockeray, ora A Gardinier, Delore Kerr, Viola Bacon, little Plumb, Marton Wood, Della S Balley, Hanche Butler, cadet. East Bridge Street.

Libbte A Pierce, principal H Sophie Sprague, Margie Mackie, Ivy Siaston, Clara S Orth, Disabeth Brads, Winnifred Martine, Anna L Kinney, Mary F Keller, Cora J. Steiner, Carrie F Bartlett, cades.

East Leonard Street. Ida A Davonport, principal; Stella Kromer, Nettie Willett, Nellie Finn, cadet. Fountain Street.

Constance Rourse, principal: Flora Beadle, Julia A Wyckoff, Julia Boran, Beatrice Ryan, Nettie Hinman, Grace Rouse, Elia J Steven-son, Ola M Parsons, Grandville Avenue.

Emma Ffeld, principal: Emma Fay, Emma Kline, Jehana Schravesande, Kate Morrissey, Letitia A Morrissey, Jeanie Heyser, Emma Taylor, Jennie H. Rearcey, Eloise Everhart Mattle Brown, Elizabeth Oaswood, cadet.

P Ella Stephenson, principal: Mary F Kerr, Lizzie R Hanchett, Annie H Kwai, Cornelia E Newton, Georgie L Orcutt, Edith Boynton, Maud Boynton, Estelle Hazeltine, cadet. Hall Street,

Libbie Morrisey, principal; Charlotte Banks, Elizabeth Abnefeldt, Alice Boyle, Bettine Orth, Nettle 21te, Luiu Fox, cadet. Lake School,

Olive C Linderman. Madison Avenue Hattle M Balley, principal: M Orinda Bark-ley, Helen R Gardner, Florence Ames, Stella C Laraway, Anna A Pollard, Florence L E Doyle, Laua Bisnop, Anna Wylle, Georgie Shear, Ella Turner, Jennie Reiley, Helen Hall, cadet.

North Coit Avenue. Ida J Kettle, principal; Eduah O Holden Eva T C Clark, Josephine Smith, Mamie Alli

North Division Street. Helen J Hood, principal: Henrietta L Miliard, Frances Streng, Lillian Keyes, Agnes of Heagle cadet,

Mary B Roche, principal: Hattle Ferguson, Annie E Bettes, Clara A Roop, Kate M Pinney, Etizabeth Motoney, Jessie Thomas, Ada Weston, Julia Boivia, Harriet Adams, C Estelia Ford, Etizabeth Smith, Mary Talmadge, cadet. North Ionia Street, Oakdale Park

Georgia Barker, principal; Agnes Steele, Eva Ames, Mary E Barber, Paris School, Clara E Skinner, principal; Marilla S Chap-man, Nettie B Nelson, Eva Coffyn, Maud Defendorf, H I Defendorf, Jennie Outhouse, cadet.

Lucy M Bettes, principal: Florence H Brothers, Lottie Arrowsmith, Ida M Madden, Lou Irwin, cadet. Plainfield Avenue Mary E Doyle, principal: Addie Bettes, J Vertie Pond, Ida M Cole, Alice Finn, Meda Osband, Abbie Moran, Mary Kromer, Mary Church, Anna McRoy, Agnes Hawley, cadot.

Seventh Street,

bibley Street, Margaret Strahan, principal; Winnifred Owen, Cecilia Shickell, Theresa Wurzburg, Kate McDermott, cadet,

Helen S Sauers, principal; Helen A Clark, Margaret Duncan, Clara Ward, Frances M Blood, Hattle R Rawiev, Annie Turner, Myrta E Rose, Fannie Daniels, Adelaide Beach, Hattle Holmes, Ethelyn Blair, Gerrude Streug, Julia F Comnberry, Ophelia C Rhake.

South Division Street.

South Ionia Street. H Antoinette Lathrop, principal: Florence Green, Libble Turner, Mary Fennell, Eliza

Flora A Cromwell, principal: Mary H Welsh, Margaret Bryar, Maud Simmons, Anna G Car-roll, Lillian Thurston, Carrie Dean Holton, Dora Dillenback, Amy Bertsch, Evalyn Ward, Ella Wyncoop, cadet.

Jennie Dickes, principal; Mary Foiston, Georgietta-W Berry, Agnes Van Buren, Nella Parkhursi, Matilda Bostwick, Mollie A Grace, Mattie Ohler Reeder, Bianche Husted, Stella L Stark, Clara Bansom, E Lillian Eastman, Daisy M Konkle, cadet. Turner Street

Walker School. Isabelle S Thomas, principal; Flora Forsyth, Jessie Misner, Jennie Barnard, Irma Heath, Winnifred Halliday, Anna M Brock, Mary D'Keefe, cadet.

Wealthy Avenue Mary L Berkey, Lottie B Adams, Harriet Geodrich, Carrie M Oliver, Martha Doie, Annie Bianchard, Bertha Woodbury, cadet. West Loonard Street,

Amanda Stout, principal: Christina Keck, Neille Chase, Matie Smith, Jennie Bennett, Lillian C Quealey, Helen J Courtney, Hattie Wentzler, Kittle Guenther, cadet.

NORTH FOR HIS HEALTH.

Prof. Ford on His Way to We-Oue-Ton-Sing Resort.

Yes, I am on my way to We-que-ton sing again and am so glad of it," said Dr. Corydon L. Ford of the University of Michigan yesterday at the inion depot. "My health is always improved by my extended visits in the north and this year our cottage will probably be open until the last of October. I am getting to be a good deal of a recieuse now, and the beauty and restfulness of my northern home become more attractive to me every year. I am not able to do much active work at the university, though my almost life long connection with the

school causes me to take a very tender interest in all that concerns it."

The greatest of hving anatomists, as Dr. Ford is known the world over, looks much improved in health and seems destined to remain for many years the oldest professor, both in years and point of service, on the faculty of the school to which he has given the best years of his life.

Smashed in a Runaway.

A team of horses driven by Fred Struhs became frightened near the corner of East Bridge and North Division street last night and ran madly down East Bridge street and across the river. When they reached the corner of Scribner street they brought up against a telegraph pole with great force. The wagon was considerably damaged. The driver and s companion, whose name is unknown, were thrown out and slightly injured.

The University Extention society was unable to hold its annual meeting last evening, as no quorum was present.
The board of directors will notify each
member by dropping him a postal, giving date of the next meeting which is
not as yet settled.

The police were notified yesterday afternoon that Birdie Williams, a slightly losane woman, had wandered away from her home at No. 62 Elia-

FIT FOR THE GODS

Southern California the Garden of America.

ITS COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS

A San Francisco Man's Views on the Subject-Lived in the State Forty Years and Watched Its Growth.

W. G. Jobson of San Francisco is guest at the Morton. Mr. Jobson is a dealer in furniture novelties, such as wheel chairs, reclining chairs, folding beds and "sich." "I didn't come up here to buy snything in particular," he said yesterday. "I had never been in Grand Rapids and I made up my mind I would like to run up and see what kind of a place it is. I have heard a great deal about it."
"Well?" said the reporter, question-

"As I said," continued Mr. Jobson "I came up to look the city over and I am mighty well pleased with what I saw. I have been visiting some of the big furniture factories and have also been around town some. Grand Rapids is not only a pretty city, but it has the appearance of getting there with a very rapid rapidity. That's what I like to see. It has a sort of a western hustle to it that's very refreshing to a

vestern man. Business is most excellent in the west. In spite of all the protests of pressimis tic croakers trade is as good as any one could ask and the prospects were never better. Everything in the line of crops is in the very pink of condition. Wheat gives every evidence of being a magni-ficent crop and the amount of grapes raised will exceed anything ever before known in the state. Olives, oranges and other truit is doing equally well. I tell you California is the grandest state in the union. There is no ques-

"Charles Dudiey Warner calls south ern California "the Italy of America, but that even doesn't express the beauty of the country; and it isn't con-fined to southern California alone, but extends throughout the whole state.

"What the state needs now is more population. We can produce enough to feed many times our present popula-

tion. We can't snip our surplus pro-duction because we haven't facilities. We need railroads. That is the weak world. I have lived there for forty years and have watched its growth. I wish I might live there for the next

"How does the silver question seem to affect California people?" asked the

reporter. "Doesn't affect them at all. They their own and the country's commer-cial interests by advocating free and unlimited coinage for the benefit of a few mine owners, who at the best, are not a great help to the community in general."

"This infernal weather is going to olay havoc with the hotel business." said a well-known hotel man vesterday. "Of course there is a certain amount of traveling that must be done and people will have to do it, but nobody is going to travel for fun these days. Those are the kind of people that give life to the hotel business No matter how heavy the regular traveling patronage is, it is never sufficient to support the nouse. But the people who stop over in parties and want the best of everything and all there is of it, they make life in the hotel business almost worth living."

WESTON AND HIS PIE.

An Episode of the Press Club Excur-

Factors of the Press club excursion have been straggling home in numbers varying from two to twenty on every train since Friday morning. By far the greater number remained east or are visiting friends at points easily reached from the line of the excursion. All these will have returned by Tues-day morning and thereafter will have many laughable and enjoyable experi-

It was a happy joily party which left the D., G. H. & M. station early Wednes-day morning. The excursion train was in two sections of six coaches each and the railway officials courteously added a handsome parior coach for the exclu-sive use of the members of the Press club, a favor which was appreciated by every person fortunate enough to be admitted to its convenient precincts. The excursion was directly in charge of E. B. Flaner, W. B. Weston and J. W. Hannen of the Press club, and Ben Fletcher and James Not an unpleasant incident marred the journey from beginning to end, but every hour was filled with spisodes of an amusing character. All were happy, and each member of the party had started out for a good time. Many of the tourists provided themselve with lunch, for the stops were few and short. Generous hampers filled with delicacies were not unimportant features, concomfort of the party. Fast time was made through Canada, Niagara Fails being reached within eleven hours of the departure of the train from this city. At London, Canada, a stop of twenty minutes was made for dinner, and the unfortunates who had failed to bring a supply with them were re-duced to the necessity of dining off a free trade dinner of attenuated free trade dinner of attenuated chicken legs, and pie which had lost the first bloom of youth. Mr. Weston of the Leader, being a modest man, did not even stop to look at the limbs, but secured a three-cornered piece of apple piece on a dinner plate. Out of the generomty of his heart and being sure she would reject it, he offered the delicate tid-bit to a lady who have the hand through the cases. thrust her hand through the open winseized the plate. The train started out and still the lady grasped the plate. Instead of letting her have it he tightened his grip, and as she held on too, he presented the spectacle of a dudish looking man being towed by a plate, a lady and a train of cars. He was dragged nearly the length of the plat-

form, but finally escaped with his pie, in this case at least, hunger having overcome galiantry.

There was a wee bit of a girl on There was a wee bit of a girl on board who furnished a continuous round of amusement. She was apparently not more than 18 months old, but she chattered like a magpie and her pronunciation was perfect. Moreover, she walked with case and precision. Whenever anything occurred to displease her she would announce with startling distinctness, "I am going to cry." Then she would trot down the aisle, enscouse herself comfortably in a seat and weep actual tears. Her Jupiter Pluvius interludes were not frequent, nor were they prolonged, so frequent, nor were they prolonged, so she was regarded as a source of enter-

tainment rather than otherwise. The usual quota of peculiar people was along and everybody was perfectly happy in watching them. The man who asked questions came early and took a front seat. Behind aim sat the woman who didn't want her husbend to step out of the oar door when a station was reached for fear he would be left. Then there were people with little idiosyncracies no higger than a man's hand, yet perceptible and laughable. Everybody laughed for the fun of it and was good natured over mirth and light natured over mirth and ridicule returned. Many family neighborhood parties were observed and the bridal couple were there for their wedding journey.

Nature smiled for the occasion and eautiful rainbows hung over the falls, apparently to greet the tourists who flocked over to Goat island in droves early Thursday morning. Hackmen importuned in vaiv. for the excursionists were an educated people, well versed in the ways of the wily cabmen. Street cars were generally utilized, and hotel rates were lowered to such a convenient notch that all the unpleasant features of a stay at the falls

Great satisfaction was express all who were fortunate enough to take the trip, and the universal praise ac-corded the Press club and the railway management was without a dissenting

BLAINE'S RETIREMENT.

The Democrat will say this morning: "James G. Blaine is now a private cit-izen. Yesterday, by his own act, he dissolved the ties which bound him to President Harrison's administration and relinquished the high office of sec-retary of state. The method followed was as simple as might be observed in declining an invitation to an afternoon duction because we haven't facilities. We need railroads. That is the weak point in our commerce. When we get those, probably our needed immigration will come. San Francisco, when properly developed, is destined to become one of the greatest cities in the world. I have lived there for forty tion. And the acceptance was in as brief and terse as was the docu-ment to which it replied. Two forty years and see the magnificent ment to which it replied. Two strides that the city will make. It will brief notes were delivered and Mr. be wonderful; there isn't any doubt Blaine stepped down and out Blaine stepped down and out be doing business at the new stand by from the exalted position which had January or February next. made his name known to all the civilized world. Among those familiar with the inner workings of politics in the national capital, it has been known "Doesn't affect them at all. They haven't any interest in it. Nobody cares anything about having free coinage except a few mine owners. The mass of the people are not in favor of it, and they would vote against any man who did advocate it. California people aren't so blind that they can't see that free coinage of silver could not benefit them or the cour ry at large in the long run. They don't see any parthe long run. They don't see any par-ticular reason why they should sacrifice socretary of state could not continue. dispatches this morning that Mr. Blaine's action was a great surprise to his best and most intimate personal and political friends. In the main Mr. Blaine's course as secretary of state has proved wiser and more judicious than the provent of the course of t was anticipated. In closing his connecnet, he leaves a record of signal ability and of a policy which, on the whole, has been to his credit."

> The Morning Press will say: "Th The Morning Press will say: "The resignation of Secretary Blaine at this time can mean but one thing. He is in the field for the presidency, and if it is tendered to him he will accept the nomination. It means also that Harrison is serving his last term as president. If Blaine is not himself nominated his friends will see to it that Harrison is also defeated. At present writing it looks as though Mr. Blaine would be the nominee. He has working for him the men who have shapes the destinies of the party for the past eight years. Quay, Platt, for the past eight years. Quay, Platt, Clarkson, Tom Reed and a host of others are active in his interests—not a very reputable crowd, perhaps, but 'practical' politicians who know how to pull wires and manipulate conven-

"He has also all the countless throng of the outs who have received nothing from Harrison and hope for nothing from him, while the election of another man presents boundless possibilities in the distribution of patronage. Harrison has the officebolders, but his cold, unsympathetic nature drives from him all save those whose own selfish ends are to be acread by his topication. are to be served by his re-election. At present the two men have a clear field. There are no other candidates before the convention. The battle between them, therefore, will be short and sharp, and if neither is nominated on the first or second ballot, look out for a dark horse."

Secretary Blaine's resignation from the cabinet, which is announced by telegraph today, is scarcely susceptible of but one interpresation; and that is that he will yield to the desires of the overwhelming majority of the republican party and accept the nomination for the presidency, if it be tendered him. That it will be tendered him by the practically unanimous vote of the Minneapolis convention seems to be the practically manimous vote of the Minneapolis convention seems to be almost a certainty. Mr. Blaine's nomination would be a logical outcome of the present political situation. The only obstacle to his nomination since the earliest beginnings of the campaign has been his unwillingness to accept the burdens and responsibilities of a presidential race. The most unavoidable interpretation of his resignation is that he has waived his personal disinclination to make the race, and will consent to lead his party to victory in November. With all due respect to President Harrison and other possible no minees, the Eagle believes that Mr. Blaine would be by far the strongest candidate that the rebelieves that Mr. Risine would be in far the strongest candidate that the re-publican party could name for the com-ing contest. It is unnecessary to recub-here and at this time his eminent qual-ifications for the office of president. His abilities are known and recognized His abilities are known and repognized, not only in his own country but throughout the civilized world. James G. Blame in today in truth as well as in name "the greatest living American." If nominated at Minneapolis the greatness of his name will sweep the country with a tidal wave of certain victory. The Eagle congratolates the republican party on the prospect of the imperial leadership of James G. Blame in the coming contact ~ Eagle.

AHEADOF THE PAST

The Tendency Toward Liberal Ornamentation

IS THE FOREMOST FEATURE

Of Our Merchant and Bu Some Notable Changes Made This Spring-Other Improvements.

The most conspicuous feature of real estate activities in the city this year has been the tendency toward remodeling and reconstructing of busi-ness structures along Canal and Monroe streets. An impetus was given to in the construction of the Cuber in the construction of the Citter block two years ago. Subsequently the handsome front now occupied by Harvey & Haystek was thoroughly reconstructed and modeled into its present artistic form. The front occupied by the great stock of N. & M. Freidman inst uimitar improvement later. Perhaps the most conspicuous afteration of the present year was the reconstruction of the Roston store front. At present it stands without a rival in the city in its artistic perfection and freshness of style. Adjusting it the great store of Foster, Stevens & Colas undergone extensive internal and external repairs, thenewfrontbeing the external repairs, thenew front being the most notable improvement of the premises. In its general style and coloring it closely resembles the Boston and Eaton. Lyon & Co.'s fronts, and is a worthy monument to the progressive instinct of the firm. The improvements in the Spring & Co. front, which long has been considered the handsomest in the city have been limited to redecoration and

way up Canal street Monroe street infection has epresd, tand innumerable business places have been improved by the removal of old style fronts and the introduction of new forms and later styles. The Briggs building, now about to be erected upon the site of the Dime museum property, will be to Canal street what the Boston store improvement has been to Monroe street. The architects of the new structure, A W. Rush & Son, have now fully com w. Rush & Son, have now fully com-pleted the designs and specifications and have them ready for use. The entire front will be of the handsome red lonis sandstone, with broad arches for the window settings of the first floor and a lotty square central tower. central tower, rising considerable above the line of the cornice. The style of the tower, which is to be in the front of the structure, is massive. yet graceful and attractive. It is to be covered with a wide projecting flat roof and decorated by cornice and frieze. The prospective occupants of the structure, Heyman & Co., expect to

Siegel's New Clonk House. The most, notable improvement which is yet to be made on Monroe which is yet to be made on Monroe street during the season is the reconstruction of the business places numbered 50 and 52. These places will be united into one by the removal of the central wall and the substitution therefor of iron pullars. The entire front west. Siegel & Co. is a great firm, hav-ing a central establishment in Chicago and branches in many of the principal and branches in many of the principal cities of the union. As importers and manufacturers it is second to none in its line of trade. Many of its stores in other cities are models of architectural beauty and internal arrangement and finish. Of all of these Manager Wolf has made a careful study, and from each of them some idea has been gained which will be made use of in the construction of the Grand Rapids house. No amount of money will be spared to make the store the finest and most complete of any of the branch establish-

make the store the lines; and most com-plete of any of the branch establish-ments of the great firm.

The new front is to be built upon ad-vanced modern lines. It will be eighty-five feet in width, will be furnahed with two thirty-feet solid plate glass windows, two thirty-feet solid plate glass windows, upon opposite sides of the central enrance. The second story front will contain two handsomely designed bays, projecting sufficiently to afford fine visits along the street. The material for the front will be massive earved oak below and galvanized iron bove. The interior of the new place of business, will be elegantly carpeted and furnished with rich office furniture and all necessary appointments. The first floor ed with rich office furniture and all ne-cessary appointments. The first floor will be utilized as a closk room exclu-sively, the garments being displayed in massive glass cases along the edge of the building. A light well ten by fifteen feet in dimensions will connect the first and second floors. Above an entensive line of fancy merchandise will be kept in stock.

The working drawings and specifica-tions of the new structure are now nom-plete and ready for the mechanics. It is expected that the work will begin in the near fature, and that the firm will

CITY PRESS COMMENT.

Captain Gavett, our own William A., Captain Gavett, our own William A., has received rapid promotion since his arrival in Minneapolia. According to the Associated Press reports this morning Gavett, who is manipulating the movement to declare Blaine the "people's candidate," has been "promoted at both ends," and he now appears as "Col. William A. Gawette."—Democrat.

All reports of the greenback conference at Lansing Wednesday that attribute to the meeting a purpose to prepare for fusion are absolutely faire. There was not a gentleman present who would presume to asticipate the upon, regniar and free action of the state convention of the people's party on that or any other subject that be longs to it exclusively.—Free.

Walk down to the river a sok at the yellow, alimy state owing down, and reflect upon